

54th Anniversary



Metropolitan Baptist Church

32-34 Prince Street

Newark, New Jersey

REV. B.F. JOHNSON, Pastor

SISTER VERNETA GARDNER
General Chairperson

Wednesday, January 22 — Sunday, January 26, 1992

THEME:

"The Lord is My Rock, and My Fortress and My Deliverer"

II Samuel 22:2

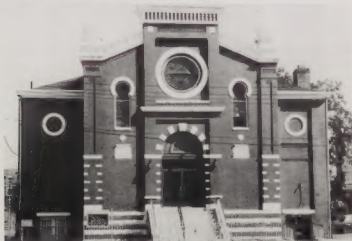


Home of
Deacon Fred O'Bryant
31 Prince St. - Newark, NJ
Starting point of Metropolitan



First Service of
Metropolitan Baptist Church
123 Prince St. - Newark, NJ

Present Site



Future Edifice





Reverend and Mrs.
B. F. Johnson

The Pastor Speaks . . . !

(dictated December 27, 1991)

Metropolitan, Thank you! Thank you, because you have stood by me. Thank you, because you helped me do a job. A big job!

And, I want you to know "I ain't no ways tired"...

We have come from a long way and ain't nobody ever said they brought us this far just to leave us. The road has been rough and the hill has been high...BUT WE ARE GOING ON!

Metropolitan...Treat everybody right and above all serve the Lord...If you keep your hand in God's hand, we'll make it to the Promised Land. We'll make it because the Lord can see what the end's gonna be.

Metropolitan... Thank God... Thank Jesus, even in the midst of trials and tribulations. Thank God for keeping you up to now. Thank Him for being a God that will hear every prayer...a God that will answer every prayer...A God that knows everything. Thank Him for being God!

We've done some good, we've done some wrong...but we must go on... the Lord has willed it so. He knows our heart and every thought. He knows what's happening.

Pray for God to manifest Himself at Metropolitan... and make us the servants He wants us to be...that He will move every stumbling stone... move until everybody knows God is in town...until everybody knows "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform".

Metropolitan...Pray that you will be what He wants you to be...that you will go where He wants you to go...that you will do what He wants you to do...that you will say what He wants you to say.

Pray that He will have mercy.

I pray that, He will remember the Deacons, the Trustees, the congregation...I pray that He will remember everybody, especially you...and then remember me.

Your Servant,

DR. BENJAMIN F. JOHNSON, Pastor



To Our Many Supporters

It is with deep appreciation to you that I wish to express our many thanks. The General Committee would like each member of our Christian Family, each friend and participant who gave of himself or supported our efforts in any way to know that he was a vital part of this great success. This occasion, our 54th Anniversary, could not have been celebrated without the concern of each committee member, each group and each individual who through spiritual, financial and physical effort supported our endeavors.

Keeping "Christian Fellowship," given to us by our predecessors, as our guide, we hope to continue to extend ourselves into neighborhood and community services whenever and wherever possible, as God so designates.

Yours to the Glory of the Lord,

VERNETA GARDNER
General Chairperson
54th Anniversary Committee

History of the Metropolitan Baptist Church

Today, Metropolitan is Fifty Four years old. It would take several volumes to recount the blessings of God to us through the years. A great writer once expressed the thought that a people who found there was no God, would sooner or later create one. Likewise it might be said that a group of people fired with a determination to grow spiritually, once having discovered the need of a peaceful church, would set out to work to create one. How well the thriving God-fearing members of the Metropolitan Baptist Church followed this thought is best demonstrated in their meteoric history of amazing accomplishments. These deeds now inscribed on the hallowed pages of religious history are a glowing tribute to the hardy, resolute and hard working souls who constitute the membership of the church.

To this inspired group, January 20, 1938 will always mark an epoch making day. On that day a small group of Baptists began to write the first pages of the astounding history that is theirs. Coming out of the Hopewell Baptist Church, this group organized themselves into what was then known as the Mt. Moriah Mission beginning in the home of Deacon F. O'Bryant at 31 Prince Street, Newark, N. J. At this meeting, \$5.00 was raised.

The first services held by this group was Sunday, January 23, 1938 at 123 Prince Street, Newark, at which time steps were taken for permanent organization. The late Rev. W. A. McCloud was selected to deliver the first sermon. 142 members heard this dynamic sermon and the Metropolitan Baptist Church was started on its way. At the temporary organization, Deacon F. O'Bryant was elected chairman of the Deacon Board; the late Jeremiah Smith was elected Financial Secretary and Oscar Wilson was elected Treasurer. Other officers elected were: Deacons William Sims, John Smith, J. L. Dargon, C. Israel and M. Shipman. Bro. C. L. O'Bryant was elected chairman of the Trustee Board. Others elected were: William Harrison, Charles Helm, Levy Stanford, Samuel Smith, John Washington, Jasper Slaughter, John Magwood, Solomon Williams and John Wynn.

The offering for the day was \$87.05.

On May 11, 1938 at 11 o'clock, the Building Committee, Deacon F. O'Bryant, Wm. Sims, Trustee C. L. O'Bryant, John Wynn and Jasper Slaughter paid a deposit of \$1,000.00 on our present site, 32-34 Prince Street, Newark, N. J.

On June 3, 1938, the Permanent Council of the North Jersey Baptist Association met at 123 Prince Street at 1:00 P.M. to set in Council with the previously named Mt. Moriah Mission (now the Metropolitan Baptist Church) to recognize said Mission as a regular Missionary Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by the late Rev. W. T. Watkins. A Recognition Committee was appointed as follows: Rev. S. A. Donnell, Chairman, Rev. H. G. Pope, C. T. Wilcher, C. H. Broadnax and Deacon F. O'Bryant. The Committee agreed that Rev. H. G. Pope deliver the sermon, Rev. A. J. Tibbs the recognition prayer, Rev. W. W. Flemming to give the Charge and the Rev. W. T. Watkins to give the Right Hand of Fellowship. The recognition of the Metropolitan Baptist Church was adopted by the twenty-two delegates present.

The church moved along smoothly under the leadership of the acting pastor, Rev. C. H. Broadnax, supported by a strong Deacon Board and Trustee Board. The main objective was a suitable place of worship, therefore, the Church agreed to buy the Jewish Synagogue at 32-34 Prince Street, Newark, N. J. The membership soon discovered that they could not get very far without a pastor to lead them into such a great undertaking.

Throughout the meteoric rise of the Metropolitan Baptist Church it's various organizations have played a leading role in the recording of its amazing history. Officers of various organizations were: "Big Wheel," Fred O'Bryant, President, Sunday School, J. L. Dargon, Supt. W. M. W. Mrs. Mary Parker, Pres. B. T. U., Mrs. Alma Slaughter Directress, Women Home Missionary Society, Mrs. Hattie Washington, Pres., Deaconess Board, Mrs. Lulu Smith, Pres., Male Ushers, Charles Helm, Pres., Ladies' Ushers, Mrs. B. L. Ford, Pres., Senior Choir, Alex Gardner, Pres., Mrs. E. L. Harris Shelton, Directress; this group worked untiringly for the support of the church. For the year 1938, the Financial Report was \$5,739.96. At the close of 1938 there was a balance cash in the bank of \$3,278.00.

On December 1, 1938, the Metropolitan Baptist Church extended a call to the Rev. Matthew T. Waters, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Baltimore, Md. The Rev. Mr. Waters accepted the call and took charge of the church February

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5, 1939, uniting with the church the previous Thursday night. Under the leadership of the Rev. Mr. Waters, the membership grew spiritually, numerically and financially. The church succeeded in purchasing one of the most outstanding church buildings in the City of Newark at the cost of \$20,000.00. The congregation marched into their new quarters Sunday, February 11, 1940 for the 11:00 A.M. services.

One highlight each year is but a recognition of the men and women who have contributed their all to make this one of the greatest churches in the Baptist world.

On the Second Sunday in May, 1940, the Corner Stone was laid by the Prince Hall Masons, F. & A. M.

In December, 1941, the congregation purchased and installed a Hammond Organ, and in April, 1942, the church was renovated and redecorated.

On the 24th day of October, 1942, the Lord called our Pastor from Labor to his reward. At the close of the year, 1942, the membership has increased to 1,390.

After the passing of the late Pastor, Rev. Waters, the church moved on smoothly under the supervision of the officers with the assistance of Rev. C. V. Orndorff. A call was extended to the Rev. J. L. Campbell of Memphis, Tenn. who was elected after a few visits. He set a rally to liquidate the second mortgage of \$3,717.00 and then declined the call. The officers then set about raising money to liquidate the final indebtedness of the church, after which our present pastor, Rev. B. F. Johnson of Goldsboro, N. C. was extended a call, and, after a few brief visits, accepted the call and came to us in April, 1944. On April 3, 1944, we had our final Mortgage Burning of \$4,358.23. During the remainder of the year, under the leadership of our new pastor, we purchased a parsonage at 400 Bergen Street, Newark at the cost of \$9,000.00.

During the year, 1945, the membership grew numerically and the finance was increased two-fold.

In 1946, we purchased the building at 26 Prince Street, adjacent to the church, for the sum of \$9,000.00 to be used as a Community Center.

In 1948, we purchased the property at 29 Broome Street which is being used as a parking lot for the parishioners. The outlook for Metropolitan is still bright, for in our congregation we have National, State and Local Workers who are working hard to make Metropolitan a bigger and better church where its light may shine as a beacon light to the world. The renovation program for 1953 included the remodeling and rewiring, painting, and decorating the church.

The next years find us still toiling, still progressing and on the upward climb. Our membership has increased greatly, so much so until our membership had to be divided, the youth from the adults. So in 1956, a Junior Church was born. Today, after thirty five years of much sacrifice, prayer and a faith that did not shrink, Metropolitan has grown to be one of the most outstanding churches in the Church world.

At the close of 1957 the membership has grown from a mere 142 to 5,321 with an asset of over \$250,000.00.

Due to changing urban developments our church neighborhood has become void of many residents. Despite this fact our membership has maintained an average of 2,000.

The Sunday School, long led by Deacon Alton Reese and later under the helm of Deacon Bishop Long and presently Dea. David King, maintains an overflowing enthusiastic, young group which demands every available nook for class occupancy.

The Missionary Society under the leadership of Mrs. B. F. Johnson (C. B. Douglas Johnson) maintains an attractive program for it's 15 active circles.

We shall always be proud that the Baptist Deacons Convention of New Jersey under the presidency of the late Deacon

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Lee G. Davis received its installation in our church by Rev. B. F. Johnson and later held its first annual session in our church, 1967.

Under the chairmanship of Deacon Leroy Hunt, the church continued its outreach community program. His leadership instituted the following: Four major day celebrations: The Church Anniversary, Building Fund Day, Men's Day and Women's Day; a revised Music program; Founders' Observance; Workshop for heads of departments; Christmas Fellowship and churchwide summer outing.

There has been gratifying fellowship and financial success. Due to membership cooperation our past Trustee Chairman, Archie Webb witnessed the transfer of general fund allotments to our very special Building Fund.

During the planning of our 32nd Anniversary the late Deacon Lee G. Davis frantically urged the singing of combined choirs. A dedicated anniversary chairman chose the theme song: Only Believe. Miraculously this song set the tone and our church has experienced a new day ever since.

With the influx of many energetic, vigorous officers, with the guidance of our venerable pastor and his capable wife, with the undaunted faith of our members, we can surmount all obstacles and keep Metropolitan the haven for saving souls, the Master's kingdom on earth and the beacon light of Newark.

Between 1976 and 1978 the first Mini-bus was purchased; properties at 25 Broome Street and 38 Prince Street were purchased.

In 1982, Rev. Charles L. Sanders became the Assistant to the Pastor .

In 1984 the lot on South Orange Avenue from Broome to Prince Street was purchased; a second Mini-bus was bought. In 1985 a computer was purchased for the church office. In 1987 a Video-Camera and equipment was purchased.

On Sunday, March 27, 1988 the members marched to Springfield Avenue and Broome Street for the ground breaking ceremony of the new Sanctuary and Education Building.

During 1990, the foundation was laid on this site located at 149 Springfield Avenue, Newark, N.J. The new edifice is now under construction for continued Praise & Worship to the Glory of God.

Metropolitan Baptist Church has demonstrated an unbelievable ability to finance the new construction. As of December 1, 1991, Metropolitan Baptist Church started a bond drive to complete the financing of our new church.

"Glory to God in The Highest"

The history was prepared by

MRS. IDA V. HARVEY
CHARLES SOWELL
ANNE C. DAVIS
KATHRYN HARRIS

Updated for this Anniversary by Verneta Gardner

• The 1st Minutes of the Metropolitan Baptist Church •

January 23, 1938

A group of Baptist Believers in JESUS CHRIST met on the above at 123 Prince St., to worship in a temporary Mission. Members present 142, offering \$87.05, the temporary organization took place immediately after morning services. Sermon by Rev. W. A. McCloud.

After services, Rev. C. N. Oliver with the body proceeded to go into what is known as a temporary organization. A motion was made and carried that 3 ordained deacons be elected, Deacon F. O'Bryant, Chr., Dea. J. M. Smith, Sec. Fin., Deacon Oscar Wilson, Fin. Sec. Thus securing 3 ordained deacons. Rev. Oliver then turned the remainder of the meeting to the elected Chr. Dea. F. O'Bryant, five other Deacons were then added to the 3 making 8. The eight other departments were then elected with necessary Pres., Sec's. Treasurers, etc., which are listed on page 23.

Among the visitors of the session that were present were Lawyer R. H. Yancy, Deacon Jeffrey of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church City.

Benediction by acting Pastor REV. C. H. BROADNAX

F. O'BRYANT (Chairman)
J. L. DARGON
JOHN SMITH
J. M. SMITH

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DEACONS

MANIE SHIPMAN
W. M. SIMMS
C. I. ISRAEL
G. C. WILSON (Treasurer)

TRUSTEE BOARD

C. L. O'BRYANT, Chr.
JOHN MAGWOOD
LEVY STANFORD
SAUL WILLIAMS

WILLIAM SIMS
F. O'BRYANT
SAMUEL SMITH
JOHN WASHINGTON

MANIE SHIPMAN
GEORGE HILL
WILLIAM HARRISON

BANKING COMMITTEE

DEA. O. C. WILSON

DEA. JEREMIAH SMITH
CHOIR OFFICERS
Vice Pres., SIS. IDA HARVEY

Trustee CLEVELAND O'BRYANT

Pres. BRO. A. GARDNER
Secretary, SIS. OSA CARROLL

Instructor, MISS EDDIE HARGIS
Treasurer, SIS. ELLA PARKER

President, SIS. HATTIE MITCHELL
Rec. Sec., SIS. MARY SHIPMAN
For. Sec., SIS. MARY SPEARS
Chairman of Program, SIS. GUSSIE HARRIS

MISSION CIRCLE OFFICERS
1st Vice., SIS. LULA LIGHTNER
Fin. Sec., SIS. ADDIE M. CROWDER

2nd Vice., SISTER LULA SMITH
Treasurer, SIS. WILLIE WATERS
Chairman of Sick, SIS. ESTELLE WILSON
Bible Instructor, SIS. MISSISSOURI O'BRYANT

Supt., DEA. J. L. DARGON
Fin. Sec., MISS KATIE MAE RYANS
Division No. 1, MRS. HATTIE MITCHELL
Acting Pastor, REV. C. H. BROADNAX

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS
Asst. Supt., SIS. M. L. MORGAN
Treasurer, SIS. HATTIE MITCHELL
Division No. 2, MRS. I. V. HARVEY

Rec. Sec., MISS WILLIE MAE TAYLOR
Pianist, MISS CICERO WATERS
Division No. 3, BRO. A. GARDNER
Church Clerk, DEA. C. J. ISRAEL

Fin. Sec., DEA. J. M. SMITH
SIS. A. S. OLIVER, Acting

President, BRO. CHARLIE HELMS
Rec. Sec., BRO. SAUL WILLIAMS
Fin. Sec., BRO. M. L. MISSISSOURI

MEN'S USHER BOARD
Fin. Sec., BRO. C. J. SHIPMAN

1st Vice, JACK MILLER, No 2nd listed
Cor. Sec., HAROLD LEE WATERS
Chaplain, BRO. FRANK PORTER

LADIES USHER BOARD

Pres., SIS. B. L. FORD
2nd Vice, SIS. LUVONIA SHIPMAN
Fin. Sec., SIS. WILLIE MAE DYER

1st Vice, SIS. CATHERINE PORTER
Rec. Sec., SIS. ZELIZ ROBINSON
Treasurer, SIS. MARY SHIPMAN

NO CHAPLAIN LISTED

R. Y. P. U.
President, ALMA SLAUGHTER

1st Vice, BRO. WOODROW RYAN
2nd Vice, SIS. ANNA GARDNER
Rec. Sec., SIS. A. L. MCLOUD
Fin. Sec., SIS. MINNIE DARGON
Pianist, SIS. CATHERINE HELMS
Current Events, BRO. SAUL WILLIAMS

Treasurer, SIS. MARY BROADNAX
Program Chr., SIS. M. L. MORGAN
Asst. Pro. Chr., SIS. CICERO WATERS
Bible Reader, SIS. CATHERINE O'BRYANT
Current Events, BRO. EDWARD SEYMOUR
General Director, DEA. J. L. DARGON
These minutes were written by SIS. A. S. OLIVER

MEN'S BIG WHEEL
WOMEN'S WHEEL IN THE MIDDLE OF WHEEL

Submitted by CHARLES SOWELL

Wednesday Night Speaker

REV. GILMORE

Rev. Gilmore, pastor of the St. John's Unified Freewill Baptist Church, Newark, NJ, for 23 years. A native Newarker. Graduated Belleville High School. Attended Montclair State College and Essex County College. He is a retired detective with the Newark Police Department. A member of the advisory board of the Salvation Army. He is an Essex County Youth Commissioner. A member of the City of Newark Martin Luther King Commission. A Bishop of the Freewill Baptist Church, consecrated in 1976 in Massachusetts. Received his doctorate from the American Bible College in Chicago. He is an Army Veteran of World War II. He is married, the father of 5 children and 4 grand children.

Thursday Night Speaker

REV. HOWARD B. WASHINGTON

Rev. Howard B. Washington was born in Springfield, Tennessee. He is a graduate of Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. Rev. Washington holds a certificate in Pastoral Counseling and Family Planning from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio.

Previously, Rev. Washington held Pastorates at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Akron, Ohio and Second Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Indiana. He is the pastor of Saint John Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey.

Rev. Washington is second vice moderator of the Shiloh Association and chairman of Foreign Mission Drive of Shiloh Association of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc.

Rev. Washington is married to Juanita Washington and they have two sons, Marshall and Howard Timothy.

Junior Church Speaker

REV. DR. DEAUWAND THOMAS

Rev. Thomas is a native of Vauxhall, New Jersey. He attended Union High School, Chapman College, Northeastern Bible College, Seton Hall University and Kean College where he received his B.A., United Bible College and Seminary where he obtained a M.R.E. Rev. Dr. Thomas attended United Theological Seminary where he received his Ph.D. He has served in various churches as a Youth Minister.

Rev. Thomas is a member of Metropolitan Baptist Church, where he serves with our Junior Church and Sunday School.

Dr. Thomas is employed by the Newark Board of Education.

Guest Ministers

REVEREND J. WENDELL MAPSON

J. Wendell Mapson was born and received his early education in Bullock County, Alabama. He received Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Theology, and Honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees from Selma University, Selma Alabama.

Reverend Mapson acknowledged the call to the Gospel Ministry, and was licensed at age 14. Beginning at Countyline Baptist Church, in Brundidge, Alabama, he went on to pastor congregations in Georgia, and Florida as well. For the past 43 years, Reverend Mapson has been the pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey.

Well known for his active participation the community, Reverend Mapson continued his service after moving to New Jersey. He served as Moderator of the North Jersey District Baptist Association, President, of the Baptist Minister's Conference of Newark and Vicinity, Chaplin of the Essex County Jail, Chairman of the New Jersey State Parole Board, President, of the Board of Directors of Mt. Calvary Homes, Member of the Trustee Board of the Newark Public Library, and the Northern Baptist School of Religion.

J. Wendell Mapson has been recognized for exceptional service and citizenship. Reverend Mapson received the Outstanding Minister and Citizen of the State of Alabama award, which was presented by the Governor. Among many honors and awards for his service in the Newark community, he was named Outstanding Citizen, and Most Outstanding Pastor and Preacher by the City of Newark. Reverend Mapson is also a Life Member of the N.A.A.C.P.

Reverend and Mrs. Mapson are the parents of four children and three grandchildren. The Mapson children carry on the legacy of service in the roles of Preacher & Pastor, Teacher, Business Administrator, and Attorney.

THE REVEREND DOCTOR GRANVILLE A. SEWARD

Granville A. Seward was born in Greenup, Kentucky, and received his early education in Columbus, Ohio. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree, and pursued graduate study in Sociology and Social Work at Ohio State University. Reverend Seward received a Bachelor of Divinity degree and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, New York. His thesis topic was "The New Creation and the Emergence of a New Humanity".

Dr. Seward has worked and served the community in numerous capacities which include: Caseworker, Conference/Seminar Speaker, Revivalist, and Visiting Instructor to Seminaries. He was honored as the Crozer Preacher at the 1977 Alumni Convocation at his Alma Mater, Colgate Rochester Theological Seminary. He has served as a member of the Newark Board of Education and for the past 18 years he has served on the Board of Trustees at Colgate Rochester Divinity School.

At age 17, Reverend Seward acknowledged the call to the ministry and was licensed by the Shiloh Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. In 1957, he was ordained by the Eastern Union Baptist Association of Ohio, and called to the pulpit of the First Baptist Church. He served in many offices of the Ohio district and state Baptist associations until he was called to pastor the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey in 1968.

Reverend Seward's mission involvement has led him to Liberia, Nigeria, and Zaire. He participated in a World Religion Study Tour to Asia, and he has toured Israel.

Reverend Doctor Granville A. Seward is married to Carole Moorehead of Zanesville, Ohio, and they are the parents of four children and one grandchild.



The Rev. Dwight E. Jones

A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Rev. Jones received his early education in the Philadelphia school system. He received his B.A. from Virginia Union, Richmond in 1970 and his Master of Divinity in 1973 from the Virginia Union School of Theology. He is presently working on his Doctoral studies at Boston University.

While still a student in 1969 this 20 year old became pastor of the Westwood Baptist Church, Richmond with a congregation of over 400 members.

This fourth generation preacher became the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond in 1974. First Baptist holds the distinction of being the oldest Black Church in the city with a membership of 1,800.

Rev. Jones concurrently pastors the St. James Baptist Church, Suburban Richmond with a congregation of 800. Pastor Jones feels it is necessary that the church reach out beyond its consecrated walls and help its residents realize the innate need of Christ in their lives for community survival. The stewardship of material subsistence and the distribution of subsidies must come from the storehouse of the Lord. Therefore, First Baptist has many ministries too numerous to mention. They have purchased property for expansion to include, a new home for their Sr. Center & Community Center, a restaurant, book store, day care center, a new sanctuary and a catering service for 1,000.

He, his wife and three children reside in Richmond. Gertrude, his wife, is an educator in Richmond Public Schools.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 22, 1992

WORSHIP LEADER Sis. Kathryn Harris

DEVOTION	Worship Committee
CALL TO WORSHIP	Sis. Kathryn Harris
PROCESSIONAL	Guest Choir
OPENING HYMN	Choir/Congregation
SCRIPTURAL READING	Psalms 91 Sis. Lakea Wilson Sis. Radiah Hudson
PRAYER	Bro. Michael McClain
SELECTION	Guest Choir
WORDS OF WELCOME	Bro. Christopher Heyward
INTRODUCTION OF GUEST MINISTER	Sis. Keesha Adams
MINISTRY IN SONGS	Guest Choir
SERMON	Rev. Curtis Galtmore St. John Unified Free-Will Baptist Church Newark, New Jersey
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP	Rev. Charles L. Sanders
ANNIVERSARY AND LOVE OFFERTORY	Finance Committee
BENEDICTION	Rev. Charles L. Sanders

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THURSDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 23, 1992

Worship Leader: DEACON GOODROW RYANS

DEVOTION.....	Worship Committee
CALL TO WORSHIP.....	Deacon Goodrow Ryans
PROCESSIONAL	Guest Choir
OPENING HYMN	Choir/Congregation
SCRIPTURAL READING	Psalm 91 Sis. Mary Jenkins
PRAYER	Dea. Leonard Maxwell
SELECTION	Guest Choir
WORDS OF WELCOME.....	Sis. Nina Gordon
INTRODUCTION OF GUEST MINISTER	Rev. Preston Davis, Sr.
MINISTRY IN SONGS	Guest Choir
SERMON	Rev. Howard B. Washington St. John Baptist Church Newark, New Jersey
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP ....	.....Rev. Charles L. Sanders
ANNIVERSARY AND LOVE OFFERTORY	Finance Committee
BENEDICTION	Rev. Charles L. Sanders

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FRIDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 24, 1992

Worship Leader: DEACONESS EDDIE L. SHELDON

DEVOTION.....	Worship Committee
CALL TO WORSHIP	Deaconess Eddie L. Sheldon
PROCESSIONAL	Guest Choir
OPENING HYMN	Choir/Congregation
SCRIPTURAL READING	Sis Verbena Hogans
PRAYER	Deacon Ben Greene
SELECTION	Guest Choir
WORDS OF WELCOME	Deaconess Lucy Ryans
INTRODUCTION OF GUEST MINISTER	Bro Charles Sowel
MINISTRY IN SONGS	Guest Choir
SERMON	Rev J W Mapson, Sr Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Newark, New Jersey
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP .	Rev Charles L. Sanders
ANNIVERSARY AND LOVE OFFERTORY	Finance Committee
BENEDICTION	Rev. Charles L. Sanders

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1992

Early Morning Worship - 7:30 A.M.

Worship Leader, BRO. ROBERT MAGWOOD

CALL TO WORSHIP	..... Bro. Robert Magwood
PROCESSIONAL	..... Chancel Choir
OPENING HYMN	..... Choir/Congregation
GLORIA PATRI	..... Choir/Congregation
SCRIPTURAL READING	..... Psalms 91 Sis. Henri Mike Bro. Henry Mike
INVOCATION	..... Deacon Donald Gibbons
CHANT	..... Chancel Choir
EMPHASIS HYMN	..... Out of the Depths. Choir/Congregation
MISSIONARY OFFERTORY	
MEMORIAL PERIOD	..... Rev. James L. Dargon
ANNOUNCEMENTS	..... Sis. Mary Hill
SELECTION	..... Chancel Choir
TITHES AND GENERAL OFFERTORY	..... Rev. Charles L. Sanders
INTRODUCTION OF GUEST MINISTER	..... Deaconess Pansy R. King
MINISTRY IN SONGS	..... Chancel Choir
SERMON	..... Rev. Dwight C. Jones 1st Baptist Church Richmond, VA
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP	
ANNIVERSARY AND LOVE OFFERTORY	..... Finance Committee
RECESSIONAL	..... Chancel Choir
BENEDICTION	..... Rev. Charles L. Sanders
MUSIC Chancel Choir
DIRECTORS Mr. John Willford Mrs. Doris McNeil

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

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Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: SIS. VERNETA GARDNER

INSPIRATIONAL GUIDANCE	Worship Committee
CALL TO WORSHIP	Sis. Verneta Gardner
PROCESSIONAL "I Love to Praise His Holy Name"	Voices of Metropolitan Sis. Theresa Bailey Sis. Diana Williamson
GLORIA PATRI	Choir/Congregation
SCRIPTURAL READING Psalms 91	Sis. Bessie Thomas Sis. Doris Stewart
INVOCATION	Deacon George Alexander
CHANT Sweet, Sweet Spirit	Choir/Congregation
EMPHASIS HYMN 'Out of the Depths	Choir/Congregation
TRIBUTE TO ORGANIZERS	Sis. Elaine Motley
SELECTION	Voices of Metropolitan
MISSIONARY OFFERTORY 'I Can Call Him, Anywhere, Anytime	Lyrics and Music: Sis. Eunice Sparks Soloist: Sis. Eunice Sparks
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Sis. Bessie Pamer
WORDS OF WELCOME	Sis. Mamie Jefferson
SELECTION	"A Mighty Fortress
Sis. Estelle Fields	Sis. Grace Powell
Sis. Linda Hudson	Sis. Dee Gordon
Bro. Larry Johnson	Sis. Doris McNeil
Bro. A. Danny Williamson	Bro. Harold Johnson

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Morning Worship – 10:45 a.m. (cont'd)

Worship Leader, SIS. VERNETA GARDNER

TITHES & GENERAL OFFERTORY Rev. Charles L. Sanders

"Somebody Prayed for Me" — Sis. Denice Grandy

MEMORIAL PERIOD Sis. Jeri McKinley

CONSECRATION Rev. Charles L. Sanders

"I'm Your's Lord"

PRESENTATION OF GUEST MINISTER Deacon Wilhe R. Burke

MINISTRY IN SONGS..... "High Praise" Sis. Worme Romer

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54th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1992

Junior Church – 10:45 a.m.

Worship Leader: BRO. TIRAN WINSON

CALL TO WORSHIP	Bro Tiran Winsom
PROCESSIONAL	Cherub Choir
GLORIA PATRI	Choir/Congregation
SCRIPTURAL READING	Psalms 91
	Bro Boris Motley
	Bro. Raymond Riddick
PRAYER	Bro James Hudson
CHANT	
SELECTION.....	Cherub Choir
OCCASION	Sis. Renee Dubose
MEMORIAL PERIOD	S.s Takiya Jones
ANNOUNCEMENTS.....	Sis Ronisha Smith
PRESENTATION OF MINISTER	Sis Alyson Hairston
SELECTION.....	Cherub Choir
SERMON	Rev Dr Deauwand Thomas
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP	
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CLOSING HYMN	Cherub Choir
BENEDICTION	

Music - CHERUB CHOIR

Director - SIS KATHRYN HARRIS

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THEME: The Lord is My Rock, and My Fortress and My Deliverer
II Samuel 22:2

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1992

Afternoon Worship 3:30 p.m.

Worship Leader: SIS. RUTH HAZELWOOD

DEVOTION.....	Worship Committee	
PROCESSIONAL	Guest Choir	
OPENING HYMN	Choir/Congregation	
SCRIPTURAL READING	Psalms 91	Sis Denise Brooks
PRAYER	Dea. Robert Breeden	
SELECTION	Guest Choir	
WORDS OF WELCOME	Sis Constance Clark	
PRESENTATION OF GUEST MINISTER.....	....Rev. Jerome Branham	
MINISTRY IN SONGS	Guest Choir	
SERMON	Rev. Granville Seward Mt Zion Baptist Church Newark, New Jersey	
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP.....	Rev. Charles L. Sanders	
REDEDICATION PERIOD	Out of the Depths"	Choir/Congregation
REDEDICATORY PRAYER	Rev. Charles L. Sanders	
ANNIVERSARY AND LOVE OFFERTORY		
REFLECTIONS	Sis Ruth Hazelwood	
RECESSIONAL	Guest Choir	
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